

# QTL Linkage and Association Analysis

## 连续性状位点的连锁与关联分析

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# Aim

## 目标

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- To deliver a brief introduction (简单介绍)
- To bring about problems and discussions (引出问题并启发讨论)
- To build up frequent interactions in the future (建立更多的联系), e-mail: [j.zhao@iop.kcl.ac.uk](mailto:j.zhao@iop.kcl.ac.uk)

# Structure

## 结构

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- Basic concepts (基本概念)
- Regression, variance component model, quantitative TDT (Haseman-Elston 回归、方差分量模型以及 TDT)
- Some examples (用例)
- Conclusion (结论)

# Basic Concepts

## 基本概念

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- Definition (定义)
- History (历史)
- Major gene (主基因)
- Two-locus, oligogenic, polygenic effect (双位点, 若干基因与多基因效应)
- Residual effect (其它效应)

● Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium/ Disequilibrium (H-W 平衡定律 / 不平衡)

● Linkage equilibrium (连锁平衡)

● Genetic heterogeneity (遗传异质性)

● Phenocopy (表现型拷贝)

● IBD/IBS (等位基因的传递 / 状态一致)

● Significance (显著性)

● Power (把握度 / 功效 / 势函数)

# Sibling Design and IBD/IBS (同胞对设计及 IBD/IBS)

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$12 \rightarrow \leftarrow 34$



$13 \quad \square \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 13 & \text{IBD}=2 \\ 14 & \text{IBD}=1 \\ 23 & \text{IBD}=1 \\ 24 & \text{IBD}=0 \end{array} \right.$

Possible IBD configurations for sib-pairs

Linkage Equilibrium / Disequilibrium (连锁平衡 / 不平衡)

- Locus 1 (基因频率):  $p_1, p_2$
- Locus 2 (基因频率):  $q_1, q_2$
- Disequilibrium parameter (关联参数):  $d$

$p_1q_1 + d$	$p_1q_2 - d$	$p_1$
$p_2q_1 - d$	$p_2q_2 + d$	$p_2$
$q_1$	$q_2$	<b>1</b>

$$-\min(p_1q_1, p_2q_2) \leq d \leq \min(p_1q_2, p_2q_1)$$

# Study Design

## 研究设计

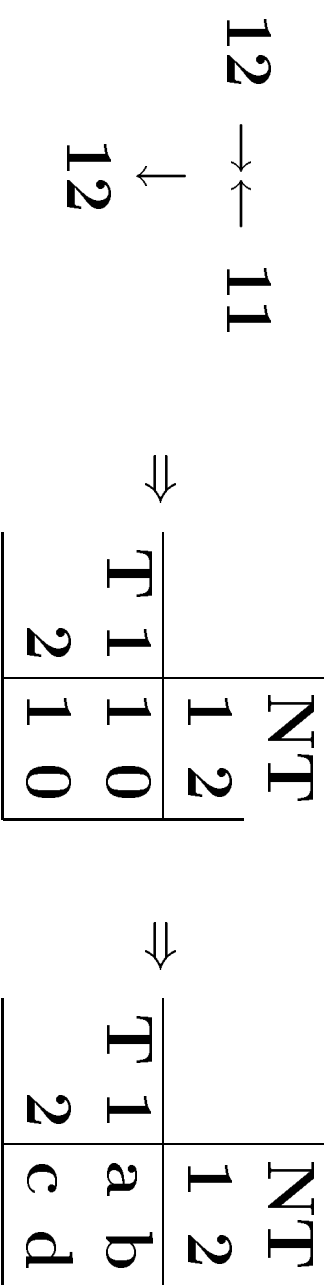
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- Population sample (人群样本)
- Siblings (同胞对)
- Family trios (个体及其父母)
- Extended families (大家族)



# Typical TDT Design (典型的 TDT 设计)

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$\chi^2_1 = \frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c}, t\text{-test}$

# General Genetic Model

## 一般遗传模型

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$$X = g + G + c + e$$

The phenotype  $X$  is additive effects of major gene ( $g$ ), poly-gene ( $G$ ), environment ( $c$ ) and residual ( $e$ ). (表现型  $X$  是主基因、多基因、环境以及其它效应的总和)

# Haseman-Elston Method

## Haseman-Elston 方法

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$$E(Y_j|\pi_j) = \alpha + \beta\pi_j, \quad \alpha = \sigma_e^2 + 2\sigma_g^2, \quad \beta = -2\sigma_g^2.$$

$$E(Y_j|\hat{\pi}_j) = \alpha + \beta\hat{\pi}_j, \quad \beta = -2(1 - 2\theta)^2\sigma_g^2.$$

- **Extension (推广):**  $E[(y_1 - m)(y_2 - m)] = (1 - 2\theta)^2 V_{A\pi} + \text{residual.}$   
Positive regression coefficient indicates linkage (当回归系数正值时有连锁)
- **Software (软件):** SAGE/SIBPAL

# Variance Component Model

## 方差分量模型

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Multinormal for  $k$ -th family (第  $k$  个家系为多元正态)

$$f(X_k; \mu_k, V_k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi|V_k|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(X_k - \mu_k)' V_k^{-1} (X_k - \mu_k)}$$

Variance-covariance matrix (方差协方差阵)

$$V_k = \hat{\Pi} \sigma_g^2 + 2\Phi \sigma_G^2 + I_{n_k} \sigma_e^2$$

$\hat{\pi}_{ij}$  is estimated proportion of IBD at QTL by individuals  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $\phi_{ij}$  is the kinship coefficient ( $\hat{\pi}_{ij}$  为亲属对在 QTL 的 IBD 比例,  $\phi_{ij}$  为近缘系数)

# Variance-Covariance Matrix for Siblings

## 同胞对的方差 – 协方差阵

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$$V_k = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_g^2 + \sigma_c^2 + \sigma_e^2 & \pi\sigma_g^2 + \sigma_c^2 \\ \pi\sigma_g^2 + \sigma_c^2 & \sigma_g^2 + \sigma_c^2 + \sigma_e^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

covariance =  $[0.5 + (1 - 2\theta)^2(\pi_m - 0.5)]\sigma_g^2 + \sigma_c^2$  for a linked marker locus  $m$  with a recombination rate  $\theta$  and in linkage equilibrium (标记与性状位点重组率  $\theta$ ),  $\pi_m$  = the proportions of alleles IBD at marker locus (标记位点的 IBD 比例).

# Test of Linkage 连锁的检验

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Likelihood ratio statistic is (似然比统计量为):

$$\lambda = -2(l_0 - l_1)$$

where  $l_0$  and  $l_1$  are the loglikelihoods for null hypothesis  $H_0: \sigma_g^2 = 0$  alternative  $H_1: \sigma_g^2 > 0$  (其中  $l_0$  及  $l_1$  分别为原假设与备择假设下的对数似然比)

$\lambda$  approximately 50:50  $\chi_1^2$  and 0, 99% percentile 5.21 ( $\lambda$  近似为 50:50  $\chi_1^2$  与 0, 99% 界值为 5.21)。

# Data Transformation and Robustness

## 数据转换及稳健性

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With non-normality, Box-Cox transformation defines as  
(非正态数据的转换公式)

$$y = \begin{cases} \frac{x^\lambda - 1}{\lambda x_G^{\lambda-1}}, & \lambda \neq 0 \\ x_G \ln x, & \lambda = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \text{其中 } x_G = \left( \prod_{i=1}^N x_i \right)^{1/N}$$

e.g. SAGE/REGG, Stata.

For proper chosen  $s$  define (对给定的  $s$  定义)

$$\delta(r_{jk}) = \begin{cases} -s, & r_{kj} < -s \\ r_{kj}, & -s \leq r_{kj} \leq s \\ s, & r_{kj} > s \end{cases}$$

# Quantitative Association Analysis

## 定量数据的关联分析

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Null hypothesis (无效假设)

- Linkage analysis (连锁分析):  $\theta = 0.5$
- Association analysis (关联分析):  $(1 - 2\theta)\delta = 0$   
i.e., association in the presence of linkage, but now focus on mean difference rather than frequencies of preferential transmission (连锁下检验关联, 均值的差异)



# Discrete/Quantitative Test – Case-Control Design (病例对照设计的定性 / 定量检验)

As in the following table, for thresholds  $l$  and  $u$  (见下表, 设定正常或异常标准)

	Discrete(定性)	Quantitative(定量)		
	case(病例)	control(对照)	mean(均值)	variance(方差)
$A_1A_1$	$p^2/K_l$	$p^2/K_u$	$o + a$	$s_1^2$
$A_1A_2$	$2pp/K_l$	$2pq/K_u$	$o + d$	$s_2^2$
$A_2A_2$	$q^2/K_l$	$q^2/K_u$	$o - a$	$s_3^2$
$K_l = p^2l_1 + 2pql_2 + q^2l_2, K_u = p^2 + 2pq u_2 + q^2u_3$				

## Discrete/Quantitative Test – Family Trios (定性 / 定量检验 – 个体及其父母)

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Test genotype relative risks conditional on parental genotype, incorporate population stratification in quantitative test (基于父母的基因型构造似然比统计量, 从而检验基因型之间相对危险度的大小; 定量的检验还可以考察人群的分层 / 混合效应).

Schaid and Sommer (1993), Knapp (1995), van den Oord (1999)

# Multi-allelic TDT

## 多个等位基因位点的 TDT

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Resemblance to Spielman and Ewens (1996) and two-group *t*-test (Xiong et al. 1998; Wang and Cohn 1999)

$$TDT_m = \frac{m-1}{m} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{.i})^2}{S_i^2(n_{i.}^{-1} + n_{.i}^{-1})}$$

Let  $n_{ji}$  heterozygous parents transmit allele  $M_j$ ,  $k$ th child's trait value  $Y_{jik}$ ,  $n_{i.} = \sum_{j=1}^m n_{ij}$ ,  $n_{.i} = \sum_{j \neq i}^m n_{ji}$ ,  $\bar{Y}_{i.} = n_{i.}^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{n_{ij}} Y_{ijk}$ ,  $\bar{Y}_{.j} = n_{.j}^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{n_{ji}} Y_{jik}$ ,  $S_i^2 = (n_{i.} + n_{.i} - 2)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{n_{ij}} \sum_{j \neq i}^{n_{ji}} (Y_{ijk} - \bar{Y}_{i.})^2 + \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^{n_{ji}} \sum_{j \neq i}^{n_{ij}} (Y_{jik} - \bar{Y}_{.i})^2 \right]$

# A Summary of Computer Programs 常用计算机程序

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- **ACT – ML/ML** variance component model by Amos (1994)
- **FISHER** – variance component model by Lange
- **GENEHUNTER** – Haseman-Elston method and variance component model
- **Loki** – Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) linkage
- **Mapmaker/SIBS** – Haseman-Elston method
- **Mx/MxGUI** – structural equation modelling (SEM)

- **NOCOM** – EM algorithm with unrelated individuals
- **PAP** – ordinary linkage and multifactorial trait
- **PATHMIX** – path analysis of nuclear families
- **POINTER** – segregation analysis
- **QTD** – a collection of quantitative TDT programs
- **SAGE** – Modular, handle covariates
- **SOLAR** – sequential oligogenic linkage analysis routines
- **XDT** – discrete TDT/SDT and Rabinowitz test

# Applications

## 应用实例

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- Twin EPQ data (Sham 1998)
- Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcoholism (COGA)
- Genetic-Environmental Nature of Emotional States in Siblings (GENESIS)
- ESF project on Schizophrenia/Bipolar/Psychosis
- Angiotensinogen among Nigerians

# Twin EPQ Data Analysis

## 双生子 EPQ 资料分析

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- 522 female MZ, 272 female DZ twin-pairs
- Detailed from Sham (1998) Chapter 5.
- Wide range of biometric models
- SPSS, SAS programs and Mx scripts  
<http://alpha.iop.kcl.ac.uk/jinghua>  
<http://chsi.moh.gov.cn/jhz0>

# COGA data

## COGA 资料分析

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- Genetic Analysis Workshop 11 (GAW11)
- Extended families, DSMIII-R and Feighner criteria
- ERP as QTL, genome scans
- Power analysis by Williams et al. (2000), discrete trait by Curtis et al. (2000)



# GENESIS

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- Aim (目标) – identify QTLs
- Design (设计) – siblings
- Materials (材料)
- Methods (方法) – SEM, linkage and association
- Result (结果)

## ESF Project

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- Data (资料) – 137 families, 388 markers
- Methods (方法)
  - linkage (LINKAGE/FASTLINK, GENEHUNTER)
  - association (ASPEx)
- Result (结果) – 10 hotspots MOD $>2$ , biggest 4.16; 1,000 simulations by SLINK, 52 lod in [1,2), 5 in [2,3), 0 equal or greater than 3; 3-point MOD 4.44 for psychosis, heterogeneity test nonsignificant

# Angiotensinogen and Hypertension

## 血管紧张素与高血压

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- The Framingham Study
- Chinese sample (M135, T174) – Affected pedigree method (APM)
- Nigerian sample (AHG 1999,63:293-300) – SAGE/REGC

## Conclusion – Limiting Factors

### 结论 (影响因素)

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- Power and sample size (设计的功效及样本量), analytically/by simulation (解析求解或随机模拟).
- Feasibility of mathematics, computing (数学、计算机的可行性). Large sample for linkage analysis for small effects whereas dense map for association methods (大样本检测微小效应或密集的基因图).
- Population genetics (群体遗传学)

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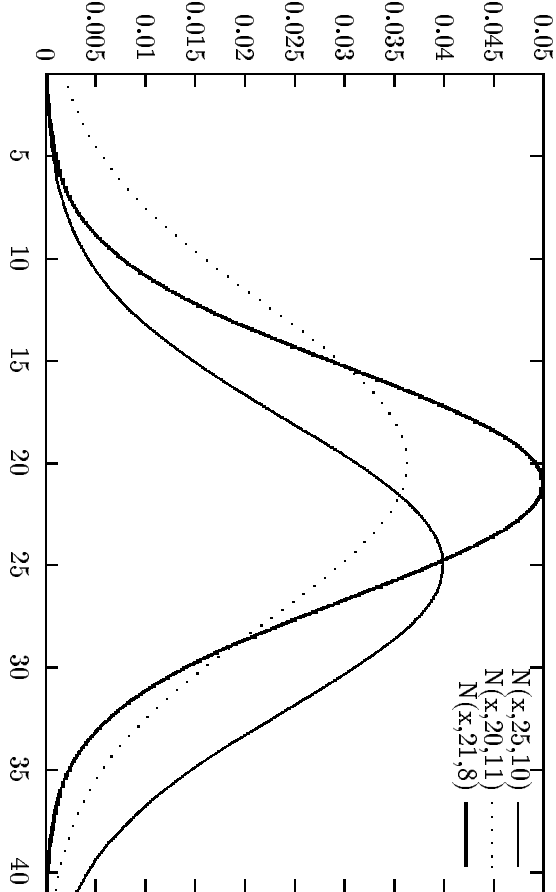
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<http://www3.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omim> (**JHU**)  
<http://www.hgmp.mrc.ac.uk/omim> (**UK**)
- List of linkage programs  
<http://linkage.rockefeller.edu>
- Online journals

[www.iop.kcl.ac.uk/IoP/Departments/PsychMed/GepiBSt/index.stm](http://www.iop.kcl.ac.uk/IoP/Departments/PsychMed/GepiBSt/index.stm)

# Normal Distributions (正态分布)





# Distribution of liability (閾值 $T$ 下人群中易患性的分布)

